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(a) The Department shall appoint a Standing Advisory Committee on Opioid–Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs.

(b) The Standing Advisory Committee shall consist of:

- (1) The Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services;
- (2) One individual from academia who specializes in public health issues related to substance–related disorders or infectious diseases;
- (3) One representative from law enforcement, nominated by the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services;
- (4) One individual with expertise in the prevention of HIV or viral hepatitis;
- (5) One health care practitioner with experience providing services to individuals who inject drugs;
- (6) One individual with substance use experience;
- (7) One family member of an individual who injects or has injected drugs;
- (8) One representative of local law enforcement;
- (9) One local health officer;
- (10) One representative of a local or regional hospital;
- (11) One individual with experience in syringe services programs; and
- (12) Any additional members recommended by the Department.

(c) The Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services shall serve as chair of the Standing Advisory Committee.

- (d) The Standing Advisory Committee shall:
 - (1) Provide technical assistance to each Program on developing:
 - (i) Program operating procedures for collection and distribution of hypodermic needles and syringes;
 - (ii) A plan for community outreach and education; and
 - (iii) A protocol for linking Program participants to substance-related disorder treatment and recovery services; and
 - (2) Make recommendations to a Program regarding any aspect of Program procedures or operation.

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